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Hisashi OHTANI et al.

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THE SAME

) Group Art Unit: 2812

) Examiner: Richard A. Booth

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed March 31, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 20, 2001; August 27, 2001; February 19, 2002; September 20, 2002; June 2, 2004; October 14, 2004; October 20, 2004; and July 5, 2005.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-24 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-18 and 25-50 as obvious based on JP 07-038113 to Morosawa. The Official Action rejects claims 19-24 and 51-56 as obvious based on the combination of Morosawa and U.S. Patent No. 5,712,191 to Nakajima.



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